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“*GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE ACT OF
2023.*”**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Chapter 55 is *added* to Title 17, Guam Code Annotated,
to hereby read as follows:

“Chapter 55

Guam Public Schools ADA Compliance Act of 2023

§ 55101. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “*Guam Public
Schools ADA Compliance Act of 2023.*”

§ 55102. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that accessibility is a fundamental right for all individuals, including students with
disabilities, in order to ensure equal access to educational opportunities. *I*
Liheslatura further finds that most public schools in Guam are not compliant with
the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its
amendments, resulting in barriers to access and inclusion for students with
disabilities.

1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a comprehensive framework to ensure
2 that all public schools in Guam are fully compliant with the accessibility
3 requirements of the ADA, and to promote inclusive and accessible educational
4 environments for all students.

5 **§ 55103. Definitions.**

6 As used in this Chapter:

7 (a) ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as
8 amended.

9 (b) Public Schools means all public schools in Guam, including
10 primary, middle, and high schools.

11 **§ 55104. Implementation of ADA Compliance Plan.**

12 (a) Within 180 days of the enactment of this Act, the Guam
13 Department of Education (DOE) shall develop and implement a
14 comprehensive plan to ensure that all public schools in Guam are fully
15 compliant with the accessibility requirements of the ADA. The plan shall
16 include, but not be limited to, the following:

17 (1) A thorough accessibility audit of all public schools in
18 Guam, conducted by qualified accessibility experts to identify areas of
19 non-compliance.

20 (2) A timeline for addressing identified areas of non-
21 compliance, including prioritization based on severity and urgency.

22 (3) Detailed specifications for modifications and
23 improvements necessary to achieve ADA compliance, including
24 architectural modifications, installation of accessibility features and
25 equipment, and training for school staff on ADA requirements and
26 disability awareness.

1 (4) A plan for ongoing monitoring and reporting on progress
2 towards ADA compliance, including regular progress updates to the
3 Guam Legislature and the public.

4 (5) A plan for ensuring that any new construction or
5 renovation of public schools in Guam shall comply with the
6 accessibility requirements of the ADA and other applicable federal and
7 local accessibility standards.

8 (b) The DOE shall allocate adequate financial resources to
9 implement the ADA compliance plan, which may include seeking federal
10 grants, partnerships with local or federal agencies, American Rescue Plan
11 funds, and other funding sources.

12 **§ 55105. Accessibility Training and Education.**

13 (a) The DOE shall provide regular training and education for all
14 school staff, including teachers, administrators, and support staff, on ADA
15 requirements, disability awareness, and best practices for promoting inclusive
16 and accessible educational environments.

17 (b) The DOE shall collaborate with disability advocacy
18 organizations and experts in the field of accessibility to develop and
19 implement training programs for school staff, as well as educational materials
20 and resources for students and parents on disability awareness and inclusion.

21 **§ 55106. Reporting and Accountability.**

22 (a) The DOE shall provide regular progress reports to the Guam
23 Legislature and the public on the implementation of the ADA compliance
24 plan, including updates on the status of accessibility audits, modifications and
25 improvements made, and progress towards achieving full ADA compliance in
26 all public schools in Guam.”

1 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its
2 enactment.